

AmCham Talents 2018 Speakers' Biographies

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Hrvoje Badovinac, Consultant
Former Regional Director Medtronic Adriatic Region
Medtronic

Until his retirement on February 1st, 2018, Hrvoje Badovinac held the position of Regional Director Medtronic Adriatic Region. Since then, for some more time he has been working as a consultant, conveying his extensive and valuable experience of 40 years to his colleagues.

After receiving his degree in Economics from the Department of Foreign Trade at the Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb, he got a job in Banex, a highly recognized company whose business was representation of foreign companies in the territory of former Yugoslavia. Hrvoje was immediately assigned to the medical division of the company and joined to the team working on the representation of the company Medtronic which, at the

time, was struggling to establish its position in the Yugoslavian medical market. After a few years, he became director of the whole medical division which included agencies of some of the largest globally renowned medical companies.

In 1990, Hrvoje left Banex and moved to Vienna to become Medtronic's employee. Six years later, he opened a Medtronic office in Zagreb. This office controlled the company's operations in all the states established after disintegration of former Yugoslav federation. Since the year 2000 when Albania was added to the geography, Medtronic has officially started to call it Medtronic Adriatic. Consequently, Medtronic offices were opened in Belgrade (2012) and in Ljubljana (2015).

Hrvoje spent his entire professional career in Medtronic, a world leading manufacturer of medical technology, where he continually contributed to the company's growth and development in the region. Over the decades he participated in a large number of medical conferences and symposia worldwide as well as completed numerous educational programs, related to both business economy (mMBA St. Thomas University of Minnesota; Medtronic Manager, etc.) and healthcare industry.

For his business achievements and humanitarian work he received a number of awards and prizes.



Andrijana Bergant, President

European Institute of Compliance and Ethics (EICE)

Andrijana holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from University in Ljubljana and she completed postgraduate studies in management in 2010 at Cotrugli Business School in Zagreb (Executive MBA). During her career, she graduated from in-house international insurance academy and from School of banking at Slovenian Banking Association. She holds an international

certificate in compliance, CCEP-I.

Her experience includes legal advisory positions and various responsibilities and leadership in the field of corporate compliance and integrity, both at Triglav Insurance Company (7 years) and NLB (3 years). She specialized in the area of regulatory compliance management, compliance risk management - including outsourcing, code of conduct, conflict of interests, compliance and ethics culture building and education. Between 2012 and 2014 she was also a member of the international committee for CCEP-I exam at Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics, based in US.

She is a co-creator of Declaration on Fair Business (by UNGC Slovenia) and Slovenian Corporate Integrity Guidelines. She is now an independent compliance and ethics consultant, working under her own firm INETICO.

At the end of 2014, Andrijana established and took the lead of EICE, which formed the first local compliance community and is supporting continuous education and professionalization of compliance function in the region.



H.E. W. Robert Kohorst, U.S. Ambassador to Croatia

Ambassador W. Robert Kohorst arrived in Croatia on January 10, 2018 to take up duties as the United States Ambassador to Croatia.

Ambassador Kohorst was President and founder of Everest Properties in Pasadena, California since 1991 and is a prominent American businessman with an expertise in law, real estate and finance. In addition to his expertise in real estate, Mr. Kohorst is known for his business acumen, management skills and broad experience in finance. He has been recognized for his contributions to public service organizations and education as Director and past Chairman of the Young Presidents' Organization (San Gabriel Valley Chapter), Regent of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles,

California, Trustee of La Salle High School in Pasadena, California and Director and past President of the San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Previously, Mr. Kohorst was President, RK Holdings, Inc., Los Angeles, California (1990-1991), President, Private Placement Group for Public Storage, Inc., Glendale, California (1984-1990), Attorney and Partner, Albert & Ellis, Los Angeles, California (1982-1984), Attorney, Hufstедler, Miller, Carlson & Beardsley, Los Angeles, California (1979-1982) and Law Clerk, Judge Albert Engel, U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, Grand Rapids, Michigan (1978-1979). He has served on numerous private and public boards.

Mr. Kohorst earned a B.S. from the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio in 1975 and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1978. He has received numerous awards for his distinguished academic achievements and his public service efforts in California. Mr. Kohorst and his wife, Ms. Shelley Allen, have two sons, Kevin and Matt.



Branko Roglić, Founder and President
Orbico Group

Born in 1943 in Makarska; graduated with a degree in Electrical engineering, Faculty of electronics, University of Zagreb in Split.

In 1970 employed in Iret, a Split based company, where following the events known as "the Croatian spring" he got demoted. In 1975 he moves to Croatia-Baterije, where he managed the representative office of German company

Varta, covering former Yugoslavian market as well as Bulgaria.

In 1987 in Switzerland, along with a German partner, he establishes the first ORBICO Company: SBJ ORBICO AG, and the next ORBICO opens in Ljubljana in 1990 from the company Unis Elkos which was denationalised in 1989 according to the so called Markovic's law. ORBICO Zagreb was established in 1998, and today ORBICO Companies run successful business across 19 countries. Total turnover of all the companies with 5 500 employees, in 2017 was 1,92 billion €, while in 2018 is expected to be over 2 billion.

Since March 27th 2008, he is an Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia, and leads the General Consulate of the Republic of Slovenia in Split. In 2010 Branko was promoted as the Honorary General Consul.

He is an active member of the Croatian Association of Employers and one of its founders. He was its president, vice president, president of the Council of Members, and currently is a member of the Council, and president of the Supervisory Board.

He was Advisor for foreign investments to the President of Croatia.

Branko was also the president of basketball club Split Croatia Osiguranje (former Jugoplastika), 3 time European champions.

President of Croatia awarded him for his contribution to economy with the Orden of Croatian Danica with figure of Blaž Lorković.

HUM CROMA awarded him with the Life Achievement Award on 27th of November 2016.

Branko is a very passionate art collector of Croatian modern art period, and consequently has sponsored many young painters and sculptors, from their beginnings.



Petar Thür, General Manager
Zagrebačke pekare Klara

Petar Thür is the General Manager at Zagrebačke pekare Klara d.d., one of the largest bakery production companies in Croatia and the Region with almost 150 year old baking tradition. The company alone has around 700 employees and is the leading brand name of the KLARA GROUP encompassing also Prehrana d.d. retail chain, Mlin i Pekare Sisak mills and retail chain and few other successful Group member companies. After receiving this position in Q1 2017, Petar set the key strategic company development goals in direction of leading ZP Klara to become an E-Company, Innovative Company and Employee Desirable Company investing heavily in education and satisfaction of its employees.

Previously, Petar held a position over a decade as Managing Director for Croatia and SEE of grouped investment funds majority owned by U.S., British, Irish

and Swiss private equity, venture capital and development groups with investment focus and activities in real-estate, tourism and finance sectors. During this extensive period one of the largest investments and developments with pioneering status have been pursued and completed by said investment funds in Croatia and SEE.

Petar earned his degree in Philosophy with the Zagreb Jesuitical Philosophical Faculty in academic cooperation with Papal University of Rome and has also attended number of business scholarships in other European cities (Berlin, Prague and Paris) as well as in the United States. During his professional career he was also an active member in few NGOs focusing on leadership and ethics in business as well as serving as a lecturer in negotiation and leadership skills courses.

Petar also currently serves as a member of executive and supervisory boards of number of international business associations and Croatian sports organizations and has also previously performed a one-mandate duty as an Untitled Governor with AmCham Croatia.



Davor Tremac, General Manager SEE
Uber Croatia

Davor Tremac currently works as General Manager of Uber for Croatia and South East Europe.

Prior to joining Uber, he spent seven years at McKinsey & Company consultancy, working on various projects in Europe and Southeast Asia, in industries including telecoms, high technology sector and private equity. He is also one of the co-founders of the internet start-up Gourmeo.

He is a member of the Board of Governors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia, and he was included in the list of most-influential leaders under 40 years of age by the Brussels-based think tank "Friends of Europe".

He holds a degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA degree from the Barcelona IESE Business School.



**Ivan Vidaković, Digital Transformation
Director, Microsoft CEE Multi-Country Europe**
Microsoft Hrvatska

Ivan began his career in Croatia in 1984 as IBM Systems Engineer and soon moved to sales and marketing. In 1991 he moved to Oman and moved fast through positions in sales and management including Branch Manager, Country General Manager of Oman and in 1996 becoming a Country General Manager of Oman and Yemen. He was also the Board member of Gulf Business

Machines, LLC, contributing to the overall development of business in the Gulf. In 2001, he returned to Croatia as General Manager of IBM Croatia and holding his last position in IBM as Business Controls Project Leader for CEE region in 2009.

In 2010 he took over the position of Country Manager of Microsoft Croatia and in July 2012 became a Country Manager of Croatia & Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2016 he moved to a CEE MCE region taking on position of Director for Digital Transformation, covering 15 countries.

Ivan has graduated mathematics and computer sciences at the Faculty of Natural Science, Zagreb, Croatia. He has graduated the Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Prairie View, Illinois, USA where he also won Mathematical Association of America Award.

He was the President of the Board of Governors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia from 2012-2015, a member of Croatian National Competitiveness Council 2002-2009, winner of Croatian Managers` and Entrepreneurs` Association award for the Best Manager in 2016 in the category of foreign companies in Croatia and has received professional recognition for personal contribution to the development of ICT industry and Digital Transformation of Croatian Economy.



Damir Zec, Country Leader
IBM Hrvatska

Damir Zec is a Country Leader of IBM Croatia Ltd. In this role, Damir is responsible for all business activities in Croatia, covering IBM's portfolio products and services.

He has joined IBM in 2009 as a Territory Services Leader. He was responsible for sales and support of the full range of IBM's information technology products,

services and solutions. Damir has a wealth of experience from different leadership roles at IBM and other IT companies (MDS Metalika, Azelija, Dignus, Recro-net) where he worked for more than 20 years in various management positions. As part of his professional development, Damir is Certified Member of Croatian Association of Certified Members of Management and Supervisory Board (part of European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDa) and he holds a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Zagreb.